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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for I-95 Interchange Improvements at Belfast Keller Road in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Bryan County, located at 66 Captain Matthew Freeman Drive, Richmond Hill, Georgia 31324.

The funding would be used for an unfunded phase of Belfast Keller Road that is the overpass for I-95 at Exit 82 and ends at the roundabout at the exit roads on the east and west sides of the overpass. Bryan County and the City of Richmond Hill are jointly funding the widening of Belfast Keller Road from the railroad tracks on the west end to the Bryan County High School on the east end. Belfast Keller Road is being widened from a two-lane rural road to a four-lane industrial-commercial road.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it offers the County and the City the opportunity to create space for an access significant new employers, commercial offerings, housing and access to a new high school and the St. Josephs/Candler medical center. The road is currently two-lanes and unable to handle to increase in travel that is only expected to increase.

This is a high priority project for both the County and the City. Currently the section of the widening encompassing the overpass to the roundabout on either side is unfunded. Both the County and the City lack the funds to widen the overpass section.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Earl L. "Buddy" Carter
Member of Congress